

REMARKS

Claims 29 through 32 and 34 through 39 are now pending in the application. Claim 33 has been canceled, Claims 29 and 34 have been amended and Claims 38 and 39 are newly presented. Basis for the amendments and support for the new claims can be found throughout the application, drawings and claims as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant notes that Claim 29 has been amended to specify the location of the flange relative to the hollow body. Claim 34 has been amended to add a word in line 3 that was inadvertently omitted. Claims 38 and 39 are newly presented so as to provide the Applicant with a scope of protection commensurate with their contribution to the art.

Regarding Claims 29 and 39, Applicant submits that neither U.S. Patent No. 3,535,762 to Taylor nor U.S. Patent No. 3,100,333 to Friend teach or suggest a method of forming a gear wherein a flange on an insert portion is embedded into a preform portion at a location between the axial ends of the preform portion. Moreover, Applicant notes that neither Taylor or Friend teach or suggest the use of an insert portion having a tapered flange as is specified in Claims 37-39.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 29-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner

reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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